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Indianapolis Attorney Dan Schroeder Wins Public Defender's Gault Award

Indianapolis, Indiana – Today, the Indiana Public Defender Council announced that the Board of Directors of the Council awarded Dan Schroeder its 2007 Gault Award. The annual award was established by the Council to recognize a lawyer who has demonstrated an outstanding degree of commitment, competency, and professionalism in representing juvenile clients. The award is named after the *In re Gault* case that established the right to counsel in juvenile delinquency cases. The recipient of the Gault Award must be an active member of the bar who devotes a significant portion of his or her legal practice to providing indigent defense representation in juvenile cases.

The Indiana Public Defender Council is a state agency comprised of over 1000 attorneys in Indiana who provide defense representation to indigent defendants. The award will be presented at the Council's Annual Meeting at 12:30 p.m. on June 15 at the Indianapolis Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana.

Larry Landis, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council, said: "The Council Board selected Dan Schroeder for this award because of his competence, commitment to providing high quality representation to his clients, and his leadership in the area of juvenile defense representation.

Dan has been with the Marion County Public Defender Agency since 1992 and has successfully challenged the juvenile court system on several occasions on behalf of his clients. Landis said: "His knowledge of juvenile law is widely recognized and respected. He is consulted by judges, magistrates, prosecutors, private attorneys, probation officers, and public defenders in other jurisdictions."

In his nominating letter, attorney Robert Newell, said: "Throughout his career as a public defender, Dan Schroeder has always exhibited, in and out of court, the qualities that make him especially deserving of this award: dedication to his clients and to the law, competence, personal and professional integrity, courage, and unfailing courtesy even in the face of difficult and frustrating obstacles.